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SUBJ: IV PROGRAM: FREE TRADE UNIONS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

REF COLOMBO 2171; STATE 183505

1. AFTER MORE THAN FIVE WEEKS OF CONSTANT EMBASSY PRODDING, MDFA THIS AFTERNOON, 28 SEPT, CONVEYED ITS APPROVAL OF PROPOSED GRANT TO S. THONDAMAN, PRESIDENT OF CEYLON WORKERS CONGRESS, TO PARTICIPATE IN AFL-CIO PROGRAM.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THONDAMAN IS UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF IMMINENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GSL ON MONTHLY WAGE FOR ESTATE WORKERS. HE LEAVES SEPT 30 FOR TOKYO LABOR MEETING BUT FEELS IT IS VITAL FOR HIM TO BE BACK IN COLOMBO ON OCT 10.

3. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT HARRY SANDERASEKERA, CWC PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AND MEMBER OF CWC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, BE INVITED INSTEAD. SANDERASEKERA IS NOW TRAVELING IN EUROPE UNDER ICFTUL AUSPICES AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE. THONDAMAN CONCURS.

4. FORMAL NOMINATION FOR PARTIAL IVP GRANT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

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